

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Fielder, on March 28, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Chair (R)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Pat Christian, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 7, 3/23/2017

Executive Action:

HB 97: Be Concurred In
HB 324: Be Concurred In

00:00:46 Recess
00:08:24 Reconvened

HEARING ON HJ 7

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:08:40 Rep. Ellie Hill Smith (D), HD 90, opened the hearing on HJ 7, Interim study on economic impacts of outdoor recreation.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:11 Dan Roper, Montana Audubon (MA)
00:13:16 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)
00:14:00 Bob Walker, Montana Trails, Recreation, and Parks Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:36 Sen. McClafferty
00:17:02 Mr. Brown, MCC
00:17:44 Sen. Vincent
00:18:20 Mr. Brown
00:19:04 Sen. Vincent
00:19:20 Mr. Brown
00:19:39 Sen. Vincent
00:20:02 Rep. Smith
00:20:35 Sen. Vincent
00:21:02 Rep. Smith
00:22:17 Sen. Vincent
00:22:32 Rep. Smith
00:23:12 Sen. Facey
00:23:27 Mr. Brown
00:23:38 Sen. Facey
00:23:43 Mr. Roper, MA
00:24:03 Mr. Brown
00:24:24 Chair Fielder
00:24:49 Rep. Smith
00:26:09 Chair Fielder
00:26:16 Rep. Smith
00:27:19 Chair Fielder
00:27:56 Rep. Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

00:28:55 Rep. Smith

00:29:20 Chair Fielder

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 97

00:30:38 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **HB 97 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:30:47 Sen. McClafferty

00:31:12 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Howard, Sen. C. Smith and Sen. Welborn voted by proxy. Sen. Welborn will carry the bill.

00:31:30 Sen. Howard left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 324

00:32:38 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **HB 324 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:32:47 Sen. Facey

00:34:13 Sen. Vincent

00:37:15 Sen. Hinkle

00:37:59 Chair Fielder

00:39:18 Sen. Facey

00:40:05 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Facey, Sen. McClafferty, Sen. Phillips and Sen. Welborn voting no. Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Howard, Sen. Phillips, Sen. C. Smith and Sen. Welborn voted by proxy. Sen. Vincent will carry the bill.

00:41:36 Chair Fielder

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:46 PM

Pat Christian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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